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NEXT MEETING

Thursday,
February 22, 1996
7:15 p.m.

PROGRAM

******* PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES *****

Promptness Prize 1941 Walking Liberty Half
Grand Prize Gold 2-Peso

1884 Morgan Silver Dollar

Eureka Meat G/F 10 cents- Eureka, Ut-----LR-3 \$14-28
White Elephant/Hamner&Frye G/F 25 cents- Ogden, Ut-----unlisted denomination
Rocky Mtn. Bell Telephone Co G/F 1 local switch- SLC, Ut-----HR3 \$8-16
Hooper Amusement Com. G/F 5 cents- Hooper, Ut-----LR7 \$16-32
Wattis Merc. Co. G/F \$10.00- Wattis, Ut-----R9 \$80-120
Matts Place G/F 50 cents- Helper, Ut-----unlisted
J. David Leigh G/F \$1.00- Cedar City, Ut-----HR1 \$10-20
F. Anselmo G/F 50 cents- Columbia, Ut-----unlisted denomination
Carbon Emery Stores #1 G/F 5 sticks powder- Hiawatha, Ut-----LR1 \$10-15
Osterloh/Madsen Amusement Tokens (3) G/F 1 cent- SLC, Ut-----
Mills Novelty Co. G/F 5 cents- San Francisco, Calif.-----

REPORT OF JANUARY MEETING

BRUCE DUGGER

It was nice to see the club members brave the snow to attend the January meeting. We had three nice displays entered with finds from the past year. First place went to Bruce Dugger (1908-S Barber half-dollar awarded). Second place to Brian Westover (1916-D Barber quarter awarded). Third place to Jerry Couch (nice rings) (1902 Barber dime awarded). Remember that February's meeting will start our Find Of The Month for the coming year, so bring what you have found since the last meeting in November. If you are not sure of the rules, take a minute and read them in this issue.



N.U.T.S. FIND OF THE MONTH RULES

CATEGORIES

1. COIN: Any coin of legal tender minted in the United States.
2. FOREIGN COIN: Any coin of legal tender minted in a foreign country.
3. OLDEST U.S. COIN: Oldest U.S. legal tender coin that is not a cent.
4. OLDEST U.S. CENT: Oldest U.S. legal tender cent.
5. MOST VALUABLE COIN: United States minted coin with a graded value of \$20.00 or better based on the *1996 Black Book Price Guide of United States Coins* (34th edition). The member should bring a written appraisal of the coin from a reputable coin dealer. In the absence of an appraisal, the Wagon Masters will make the final determination as to the coin's value.
6. TOKEN: Any commercial trade token (does not include good luck tokens, presidential tokens, commemorative medallions, etc.)
7. JEWELRY: Any jewelry item including rings, cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medals, medallions, charms, etc.
8. ARTIFACT: Any man-made artifact including arrowheads, bottles, jewelry, etc.
9. BUTTON: Any clothing fastener or snap (does not include advertising or political pin-on buttons).
10. NON-METAL FINDS: Any item not containing metal including bottles (without metal caps), marbles, arrowheads, plastic toys, etc.
11. MOST VALUABLE BOTTLE: Any bottle with a value of \$10.00 or more.
12. PEOPLES' CHOICE BOTTLE: Any bottle with a value of less than \$10.00.

GENERAL RULES

1. Only N.U.T.S. members can enter items in the Find Of The Month; however, non-members are welcome to display their finds or collections at club meetings.

2. Entries in Find Of The Month must have been found since the last monthly meeting. At the February meeting, members may enter items found since the November meeting including finds made during December and January.

3. A member need not be present at the meeting to enter items. If a member cannot attend the meeting, the member may arrange to have another person bring the item to the meeting and enter it in the name of the absent member.

4. At the January meeting, members may display their finds from the prior year. Prizes will be awarded for the best displays; however, no points will be awarded for the Find Of The Month competition.

5. An item can only be entered in the name of the person who actually found it. For example, if junior finds a 1909S V.D.B. penny, it must be entered in junior's name and not dad's name, even if junior found it using dad's detector.

6. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found together and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example, a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in either the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item (except as a display). However, a group of coins attached or fused together would be one item.

7. If a member attempts to enter an item in a category for which the item does not qualify, the member will be asked to enter it in the correct category or remove it as an entry.

8. Questions about the Find Of The Month competition should be directed to the club's Wagon Masters (who, as everyone knows, are both wise and enlightened).

9. Points for Find of the Month will be based on the following system:

- a. First Place In A Category 4 points
- b. Second Place 3 points
- c. Third Place 2 points
- d. Entry Of Item In A Category 1 point

The member with the most points after the November meeting will be named the N.U.T.S. Treasure Finder Of The Year. The winner will be announced at the December meeting.



TEN THINGS FOR A N.U.T. TO DO ON A COLD WINTER'S DAY WHEN THERE IS THREE FEET OF SNOW ON THE GROUND

BY KEVIN ANDERSON

1. Conduct air tests with your detector. Inspired by White's target sticks (blue plastic sticks with targets glued to them), I made my own target sticks. I start with a paint stick from the local hardware store. Then I use Plasti-Tak (a clay-like substance you can buy at an office supply store that is used to stick posters to walls). I attach the coin to the end of the paint stick using the Plasti-Tak. Changing coins or targets takes only a few seconds. Try comparing coins and gold rings with trash to find out what you might be missing with your discrimination settings.

2. Re-read the instruction manual to your detector. I learn something new and helpful about my detector each time I read the instructions.

3. Read a good metal detecting book. I have particularly enjoyed *Detectorist* by Robert Sickler, *The Urban Treasure Hunter* by Michael Chaplan, and *Coin Hunting . . . In Depth* by Dick Stout.

4. Go to the library and check-out a book on local history. You will be surprised how many books have been written about Utah's lesser-known areas including Parley's Hollow, Sugar House, Holladay, Sandy, Hinkley, Beaver, etc. Many have photos showing the locations and even addresses of old homes, stores, churches, etc.

5. The downtown library across from the City Building maintains a collection of newspaper clippings about the city's parks. Go to periodicals in the basement and ask for newspaper articles on a specific park. Most of the information for my article on Liberty Park came from old newspaper clippings that went all the way back to the 1890's.

6. Visit the Utah Historical Society located in the downtown train station -- just don't mention you are TH'er! The Society has thousands of old photographs covering almost every subject imaginable that you can peruse at your leisure (take a look at the Wandamere photos). You can get prints made for a few dollars, but I just make photocopies for ten cents each. Before I searched Sugar House Park, I used a photo of the



prison to locate where the deputy-wardens' homes had been built. I know it is not impressive to some of you, but I found a 1939 and 1952 Wheatie (among other things) in only two hours.

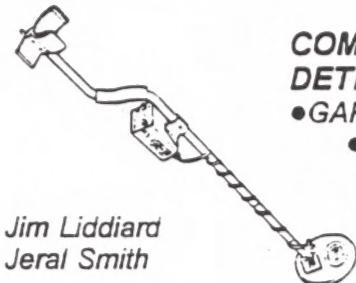
7. Take a mill bastard to those digging tools until they are razor sharp. Stock-up on batteries. Clean clad coins in a tumbler. Make a display of your favorite finds. Read old issues of Eastern & Western Treasures. Surf the Treasure Net on the World Wide Web (<http://www.treasurenet.com/treasure/>). Visit with senior citizens and talk about local history.

8. Make a digger's belt using a leather (expensive) or nylon (cheap) tool belt. A tool belt comes with two main pockets and a number of smaller ones for holding coins, trash, probes, diggers, and other equipment. I opted for the nylon version and then used a soldering iron to burn holes in the pockets for my probe and screw driver to fit through (using a hot iron seals the nylon and prevents it from unraveling).

9. Write a short story for the Token Hunter. I have heard a dozen different stories at the meetings that would be of general interest to club members. You do not need to reveal your secret spot, just relate your best treasure-finding story from 1995. Tell about finding a lost item and returning it to the owner. Relate a funny experience that happened while you were metal detecting. Describe a tool or technique you have found to be helpful. Share your knowledge of local history. Unless you want to read my silly stories each month, write an article for the Token Hunter!

10. After you have had some practice writing for the Token Hunter, take a shot at writing for one of the treasure magazines. It is obvious they don't just publish stories about fantastic finds but will consider any stories relating to metal detecting so long as they are unique or told in an interesting way. Best of all, this activity pays! (about \$50.00 per 1,500 word article and \$5.00 per picture). I have the writing guide for Eastern & Western Treasures, and I will be happy to provide a copy to anyone who is interested.

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DUES ARE NOW DUE

Don't forget that your yearly membership fee is now due and owing. The price is \$15.00 for families and \$10.00 for singles. If dues are not paid by the February meeting, you will be dropped from the Token Hunter mailing list.

All About Coins

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If you got a computer for Christmas or recently subscribed to an on-line service, then check out the "Treasure Net" on the World Wide Web. It has specific forums for all types of metal detecting. There is even a forum especially for Spectrum XLT users. All of the major manufacturers or suppliers have a homepage, and some even have color photos of new products. Jimmy Sierra has a number of pages showing his special products and an article with photos on his detecting trips to England. There is also access to various libraries for doing research and an archive of old photos, including ones from Utah, that can be downloaded. This is a great way to expand your "network" of treasure hunting friends and to learn what people are finding around the country and even around the world (many people are the net were from Great Britain). The Treasure Net address is <http://www.treasurenet.com/treasure/>

SPOONS, KNIVES, FORKS

Early spoons were used for scooping and stirring, not for eating. During the Middle Ages, spoons and knives were objects of such value they were included in the wills of the very rich. Some were carved of wood; others were cast of gold, silver, or bronze. Oval-shaped soup-type spoons, as we know them today, came into being in the 17th century.

With the arrival in Europe of coffee and tea, changes occurred in the design of the spoon. They were smaller, made of gold or silver, and developed for use in the royal courts of France to stir sugar into coffee and tea.

It was during the late 19th century Victorian era when the English devised spoons of all shapes and sizes to match the assortment of foods served at their abundant banquet tables. It was then there were spoons for every conceivable food—four o'clock tea, iced tea, aspic, marrow, citrus, juices, sauces.

The first knives from the Middle Ages had two sharp edges and a sharp point for spearing and eating food—much more weapon-like. Their evolution, from pointed to rounded, came in the 17th century when Francis Cardinal Richelieu decreed sharp pointed tips and two cutting edges illegal. Hence there were fewer stabbings when men ate and drank at inns. This helped shape the table knife as we know it today.

In England it was writer Thomas Coryate who in 1611 claimed to be the first person in London to actually eat with a fork—a fork he had brought back with him from travels in Italy. Other gentleman who traveled to Italy wrote of pasta being fork-lifted to the mouth. However, as late as the 18th century, most Englishmen were still using knives to bring food to their mouths.

There is a tale that in the 11th century a wealthy Venetian married a beautiful Turkish princess. All her life she had eaten with golden table forks, and she brought them with her to Venice. Church leaders were outraged, decrying this luxury and proclaiming that God provided man with natural forks—his fingers. However, by the 14th century, European royalty had one fork for the table and a set of knives to be used by all. It was the Italian wife of Henry II, Catherine deMedici, who brought innovation to the French court with the presentation of a fork to each individual diner.

As time passed and with new manufacturing abilities, the demands of the wealthy created as many as 140 distinct pieces. Additionally, many sets not part of matched patterns were created—fish, dessert, christening, escargot, demitasse, pigeon.

Today we are reduced to a five-piece place setting. That in itself is reason enough to collect those spoons, knives, and forks from the wonderful legacies of the past.



MEDALS MUST BE ORDERED BY FEBRUARY 22, 1996

1996 UTAH STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL MEDALS

Order Form (Members)

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A VISIT TO THE KELLYCO WAREHOUSE STORE

By Kevin Anderson

During a recent business trip, I had the chance to make a "pilgrimage" to the Kellyco warehouse in Winter Springs, Florida -- a sleepy community about 20 minutes north of Disney World. As you enter the parking lot, you can see a number of old Spanish canons on reconstructed mountings. Inside, you are greeted by the Kellyco trade-mark showing a man with a Kellyco Team T-shirt holding a real Garrett detector that is mounted to the wall giving the display a 3-D effect. In the back ground are various people (noticeably a young women in shorts) finding treasure.

The store is not exceptionally large, but there are a number of displays showing treasures recovered from the Florida coast including Spanish coins of gold and silver, canon balls, muskets, swords, and other artifacts from sunken ships. Many of the displays show old coins spilling from beach sand just waiting for a lucky TH'er to scoop them up (if only it were that easy!) They also have a number of displays on Civil War relics. In the corner, a video was playing showing Mel Fisher recovering treasure from the Atocha. The displays are probably the best advertising I've seen to promote the hobby of metal detecting. After seeing them, anyone who doesn't have a desire to grab a detector and head to the beach in search of "buried treasure" should be checked for a pulse! Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to swing a coil on Florida's "treasure coast."

While the Kellyco store has almost every detector, book, and accessory imaginable, I felt that our local detector stores carry almost as much equipment. The primary difference is that the Kellyco store gives you a choice of about five brands on every item. They also have a lot of the "divining rod" type of equipment that sell for thousands of dollars (do those things really work?) I also asked about an accessory coil for my detector and was immediately directed to the "Hot Head" brand (I didn't buy one). On the issue of saving money, I recently bought a coin-tumbler from a local store and actually paid less than the Kellyco sale price, including shipping, for the same item.

If you ever plan a visit to Disney World, consider a side trip to the Kellyco store. While it is fun to see the displays, understand that you can get many of the same items from our local stores. Indeed, after my visit, I decided to spend my detecting dollars with fellow club members in Salt Lake City rather than further contributing to Florida's already bloated tourist economy.